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Adjournment: Senate convened at 11 a.m. and adjourned at 5:50 p.m., until 12 noon on Monday, March 23, 2015. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Majority Leader in today's Record on page S1672.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

APPROPRIATIONS: VETERANS BENEFITS ADMINISTRATION

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Military Construction and Veterans Affairs, and Related Agencies concluded a hearing to examine proposed budget estimates and justification for fiscal years 2016 and 2017 for the Veterans Benefits Administration, after receiving testimony from Allison A. Hickey, Under Secretary for Benefits, James E. Manker, Jr., Chief Financial Officer, and Thomas Murphy, Director, Compensation Service, all of the Veterans Benefits Administration, Department of Veterans Affairs.

APPROPRIATIONS: UNITED STATES SECRET SERVICE

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Department of Homeland Security concluded a hearing to examine proposed budget estimates and justification for fiscal year 2016 for the United States Secret Service, after receiving testimony from Joseph P. Clancy, Director, United States Secret Service, Department of Homeland Security.

DEFENSE AUTHORIZATION REQUEST AND FUTURE YEARS DEFENSE PROGRAM

Committee on Armed Services: Committee concluded a hearing to examine U.S. Strategic Command, U.S.

Transportation Command, and U.S. Cyber Command in review of the Defense Authorization Request for fiscal year 2016 and the Future Years Defense Program, after receiving testimony from Admiral Cecil D. Haney, USN, Commander, U.S. Strategic Command, General Paul J. Selva, USAF, Commander, U.S. Transportation Command, and Admiral Michael S. Rogers, USN, Commander, U.S. Cyber Command, Director, National Security Agency, and Chief, Central Security Services, all of the Department of Defense.

DEFENSE AUTHORIZATION REQUEST AND FUTURE YEARS DEFENSE PROGRAM

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Airland concluded a hearing to examine Air Force force structure and modernization in review of the Defense Authorization Request for fiscal year 2016 and the Future Years Defense Program, after receiving testimony from William A. LaPlante, Assistant Secretary of the Air Force for Acquisition, Lieutenant General Tod D. Wolters, USAF, Deputy Chief of Staff of the Air Force for Operations, and Lieutenant General James M. Holmes, USAF, Deputy Chief of Staff of the Air Force for Strategic Plans and Requirements, all of the Department of Defense.

REGULATORY REGIME FOR REGIONAL BANKS

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the regulatory regime for regional banks, after receiving testimony from Thomas J. Curry, Comptroller of the Currency, Department of the Treasury; Martin J. Gruenberg, Chairman, Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation; and Daniel K. Tarullo, Member, Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System.

BUDGET: 2016

Committee on the Budget: Committee ordered favorably reported a concurrent resolution setting forth the congressional budget for the United States Government for fiscal year 2016, revising the appropriate budgetary levels for fiscal year 2015, and setting forth the appropriate budgetary levels for fiscal years 2015 through 2025.

CYBER INSURANCE MARKETPLACE

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Subcommittee on Consumer Protection, Product Safety, Insurance, and Data Security concluded a hearing to examine the evolving cyber insurance marketplace, after receiving testimony from Ben Beeson, Lockton Companies, Washington, D.C.; Catherine Mulligan, Zurich, New York, New York; Ola Sage, e-Management, Silver Spring, Maryland; and Michael Menapace, Wiggin and Dana, Hartford, Connecticut.

U.S. CRUDE OIL EXPORT POLICY

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: Committee concluded a hearing to examine U.S. crude oil export policy, after receiving testimony from Carlos Pascual, IHS, Elizabeth Rosenberg, Center for a New American Security, Charles T. Drevna, American Fuel and Petrochemical Manufacturers, and Jeffrey Warmann, Monroe Energy Inc., on behalf of the CRUDE Coalition, all of Washington, D.C.; and Ryan Lance, ConocoPhillips, Houston, Texas.

AFFORDABLE CARE ACT AT FIVE YEARS

Committee on Finance: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the Affordable Care Act at five years, after receiving testimony from Douglas Holtz-Eakin, American Action Forum, Holly Wade, National Federation of Independent Business, and David Blumenthal, The Commonwealth Fund, all of Washington, D.C.

UNITED STATES–AFRICA LEADERS SUMMIT

Committee on Foreign Relations: Subcommittee on Africa and Global Health Policy concluded a hearing to examine the United States-Africa leaders summit seven months later, focusing on progress and setbacks, after receiving testimony from Ben Leo, Center for Global Development, Del Renigar, General Electric, Susan C. Tuttle, IBM Government and Regulatory Affairs, and Thomas J. Bollyky, Council on Foreign Relations, all of Washington, D.C.

FEDERAL RULEMAKING CHALLENGES

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: Subcommittee on Regulatory Affairs and Federal Management concluded a hearing to examine Federal rulemaking challenges and areas of improvement within the existing regulatory process, after receiving testimony from John D. Graham, former Administrator, Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget, Indiana University School of Public and Environmental Affairs, Bloomington; Neil Eisner, former Acting Assistant Chief Counsel for Regulations and Enforcement, Federal Aviation Administration, American University Washington College of Law, and Pamela Gilbert, former Executive Director, Consumer Product Safety Commission, Cuneo Gilbert and LaDuca, both of Washington, D.C.; and Drew Greenblatt,

Marlin Steel Wire Products, LLC, Baltimore, Maryland, on behalf of the National Association of Manufacturers.

TEXAS V. UNITED STATES

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Oversight, Agency Action, Federal Rights and Federal Courts concluded a hearing to examine reining in amnesty, focusing on *Texas v. United States* and its implications, after receiving testimony from Kris W. Kobach, Kansas Secretary of State, Topeka; David B. Rivkin, Jr., BakerHostetler, LLP, Washington, D.C.; and Jill E. Family, Widener University School of Law and Government Institute, Harrisburg, Pennsylvania.

PATENT REFORM

Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship: Committee concluded a hearing to examine patent reform, focusing on protecting innovation and entrepreneurship, including H.R. 9, to amend title 35, United States Code, and the Leahy-Smith America Invents Act to make improvements and technical corrections, and S. 632, to strengthen the position of the United States as the world's leading innovator by amending title 35, United States Code, to protect the property rights of the inventors that grow the country's economy, after receiving testimony from David Winwood, Louisiana State University Pennington Biomedical Research Center, Baton Rouge, on behalf of the Association of University Technology Managers; Robert N. Schmidt, Small Business Technology Council, Fort Meyers, Florida; Rachel King, GlycoMimetics, Inc., Gaithersburg, Maryland; Craig Bandes, Pixelligent Technologies, Baltimore, Maryland; and Timothy A. Molino, BSA The Software Alliance, Washington, D.C.

INTELLIGENCE

Select Committee on Intelligence: Committee held closed hearings on intelligence matters, receiving testimony from officials of the intelligence community.

Committee recessed subject to the call.

BUSINESS MEETING

Select Committee on Intelligence: Committee met in closed session to consider pending intelligence matters.

Committee recessed subject to the call.